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20 MR. TUCKER: Can you hear me?

21 MODERATOR BROWN: Yes.

22 MR. TUCKER: Good. I'm George Tucker, I'm a

23 resident of Amargosa Valley. I am concerned about what

24 the DOE plan to do in dumping the nation's nuclear

25 waste close to us.

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1 I made my comments at the postponed meeting

2 back, two, three weeks ago now, so this is just really

3 repetition of that. This should all be in the record

4 already. The first comment I have is the abject

5 failure of the DOE to notice their meetings. I'm not

6 aware that any notice has been put in the post office

7 or at the community center, or the residents of this

8 valley have been informed in any other way. I think

9 that's terrible.

10 The main concern I now have, though, is

11 speculating what might happen after the tragic events

12 in New York. And I am now wondering what would happen

13 if one of the canisters used to convey this nuclear

14 waste were blown up, and the high-level isotopes,

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15 radioactive isotopes spread around the countryside. So

16 I have a specific question. I would like to know what

17 the DOE would do if that happened?

18 I don't want to hear that they can't be blown

19 up either. One gentleman approached me to answer any

20 questions I had. The specific question I had was, how

21 much radioactive waste typically is transported in one

22 of those containers in curies? Is it tens, hundreds,

23 thousands? So I would like somebody at the DOE to

24 answer that question.

25 But also, what plan would they have in place

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1 for picking up these high-level radioactive wastes

2 after they've been scattered around the countryside. I

3 think the greatest danger now seems to me to be the

4 risks of terrorist action in transportation. It would

5 be a very inviting target, I think, because trucks

6 would be coming from all over, and I doubt that they

7 could be securely escorted or that they will be over

8 the years. I think that's about the only comment I

9 have at this point. My other comments should already

10 be in the record. That's it. Thank you.